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IN A COMBUSTOR DEVICE FOR A GAS TURBINE

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/053524, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus has already been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

International Patent Publication No. WO 03/023281, along with patent (1) family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0248053 to BENZ et al., which was published on December 9, 2004;

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- (2) U.S. Patent No. 2,807,931 to BODINE, which issued on October 1, 1957;
- (3) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 434 006, along with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0211185 to YOUNG et al., which was published on October 28, 2004;
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0108810 toKUDERNATSCH, which was published on August 15, 2002;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 51-014550; and
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,530,221 to SATTINGER et al., which issued on March 11, 2003. Applicant notes that this document is cited at page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicant further submits the following documents.

- (7) U.K. Patent Publication No. GB 2 288 660. Applicant notes that this document is cited beginning at page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and
- (8) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 597 138, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,373,695 to AIGNER et al., which issued on December 20, 1994. Applicant notes that the European document is cited beginning at page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

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Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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